

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air a documentary that is almost undeniably anti-Kerry just days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.

Italy's corrupt Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi shows us the danger that our present course poses to democracy. He and Sinclair have shown why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.